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Applicants : Hans-Rainer ZERFASS
For : COATING MATERIAL FOR MAKING HIGH TEMPERATURE
RESISTANT SEALING ELEMENTS
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently Amended) A ~~coating material for making~~ high temperature resistant sealing element, ~~particularly on metallic surfaces, characterized in that the~~ wherein the sealing element is formed from a coating material comprises comprising a film-forming binding agent, a solvent for it and a high temperature resistant solid lubricant.

2. (currently amended) A ~~coating material~~ sealing element according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the solid lubricant is chosen from graphite, boron nitride or mixtures of these materials.

3. (currently amended) A ~~coating material~~ sealing element according to claim 1, characterized in that the solid lubricant is in particle form, ~~particularly being granular or lamellar,~~ and the solid lubricant particles have a mean particle size of 0.5 to 15 microns.